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A copy of U.S. Patent 6,675,633 B2 is enclosed as an English language equivalent of DE 101 36 219 A1. A written English-language translation of DE 197 39 961 C1 is not within the possession, custody or control of, or readily available to any individual designated in 37 CFR § 1.56(c), so a translation is not provided.

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